

tionary, clerk hire, and contingent expenses, shall be \$1000 per annum, Appropriation. out of which sum shall be paid all the expenses of advertising.

JOHN B. BRISBIN,

President of the Council.

CHARLES GARDNER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

APPROVED—February sixteenth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

W. A. GORMAN.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a correct copy of the original bill on file in this office.

J. TRAVIS ROSSEB,

Secretary of the Territory of Minnesota.

CHAPTER XV.

An Act entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Historical Society of Minnesota," approved October 20, 1849.

- SECTION 1. Property not liable for debts and free from taxation.
 2. Shall elect an Executive Council.
 2. Defining the objects of said Society.
 4. Report of inconsistent acts.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. That in addition to the privileges and immunities granted, and duties assigned to the Minnesota Historical Society, by the act approved October 20, 1849, the said Society shall be allowed to receive by bequest, donation or purchase, any amount of property, real or personal, and shall hold the same in perpetuity, as a sacred trust for the uses and purposes of said Society, without in any manner mortgaging, or by debts encumbering such property now in possession, or thereafter to be acquired; nor shall any such property be liable, in any manner or form whatever, for any debt contracted by said Society; and the real property now vested in the Society in the city of St. Paul, and the building hereafter to be located thereon, as a Hall for the same, and the personal property of the Society shall be exempt from taxation.

SEC. 2. As soon as convenient after the passage of this act, the Society shall elect an executive council, consisting of not more than twenty-five members of the Society, who shall hold their office for the term of three years, and until their successors are elected, which election shall thereafter take place triennially. The executive committee shall elect and appoint all officers, and such agents and collaborators of the Society, resident and non-resident, as they may deem necessary or useful, and the executive council shall have the custody of all the property, real and personal, of the Society, and shall frame such by-laws and constitution for their government as they may deem expedient, and do all other things not inconsistent with this act, essential to the prosperity of the Society.

SEC. 3. The objects of said Society, with the enlarged powers and

duties herein provided, shall be, in addition to the collection and preservation of publications, manuscripts, antiquities, curiosities, and all other things pertaining to the social, political and natural history of Minnesota, to cultivate among the citizens thereof a knowledge of the useful and liberal arts, science and literature.

Acts repealed.

SEC. 4. That all acts and parts of acts, so far as they are inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

CHARLES GARDNER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOHN B. BRISBIN,

President of the Council.

APPROVED—March first, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

W. A. GORMAN.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a correct copy of the original bill on file in my office.

J. TRAVIS ROSSER,

Secretary of Minnesota Territory.

CHAPTER XVI.

An Act to provide for an Annual Appropriation for the benefit of the Minnesota Historical Society.

- SECTION 1. Annual appropriation to the Society.
 2. Duty of Executive Council.
 3. When to take effect.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota :

Appropriation.

SECTION 1. That there shall be annually appropriated to the Minnesota Historical Society, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars, to be expended by said Society, in collecting, embodying, arranging and preserving in authentic form a library of books, pamphlets, maps, charts, manuscripts, papers, paintings, statuary and other materials illustrative of the history of Minnesota ; to rescue from oblivion the memory of its early pioneers, to obtain and preserve narratives of their exploits, perils and hardy adventures ; to secure facts and statements relative to the history, genius, progress or decay of our Indian tribes ; to exhibit faithfully the antiquities and the past and present resources of Minnesota ; also to aid in the publication of such of the collections of the Society, as the Society shall, from time to time, deem of value and interest ; to aid in binding its books, pamphlets, manuscripts and papers, and in paying the necessary incidental expenses of the Society.

Duty of Council.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Executive Council of the Historical Society of Minnesota, to keep an accurate account of the manner of expenditure of the said sum of money hereby appropriated, and transmit the same, together with the vouchers therefor, to the Governor, in the month of January of each year, to be by him laid before the Legislative Assembly.